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60 Years of Toys for Tots

From Toys for Tots Brochure

In 1947, Major Bill Hendricks – with support of members of his Los Angeles Marine Corps Reserve unit – collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. Bill's program was so successful that in 1948, the Marine corps adopted it and expanded it nationwide as the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program**. In the intervening years, Marines have conducted successful Toys for Tots campaigns each year, collecting and distributing over 370,000,000 toys. Today, Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps' premier community action program. Over the past

10 years, Marine have distributed and average Of 13,900,000 toys annually, and brought the joy of Christmas to an average of 5,800,000 needy children each year.

This is the third year the Serge B. Simmons detachment has participated in the Toys for Tots program. In 2005 we were able to get 8,648 toys to 2,162 children, in 2006, 3,486 children received 13,942 toy. This year looks like we will have at least 2,000 more children over last year, that we know of. We could not succeed as we have in the past without the help of all the volunteers we get (continued page 3)

Eagle Scout Certificates

I have been informed by the local Boy Scout Council that the Eagle Scout office gives our name to the parents of they boys that are receiving their Eagle awards. It is up to the parents to contact us if they want their boys to be awarded the certificates. Therefore, we need to get the word out to all concerned that the Marine Corps League and in particular the Lt. Serge B. Simmons detachment of Ogden has certificates for these deserving young men.

The November Meeting is the 21st at 1900 at the OGDEN Golden Corral Restaurant, 988 Washington Blvd.

Second Annual Veterans Day Parade in Ogden

2 This years Veteran's Day Parade will, again, be hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1481. Anyone that wishes to march in the parade (for those who can't march , there

will be rides). I rode last year and it was quite enjoyable. If you have a uniform, wear it. If you have medals, wear them. We were encouraged, beginning last year to wear our medals on all veteran

related holidays. The parade will start assembling near the DMV office on 25th Street, near the Union Station. You won't be able to miss it.

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PFC James Jay Williams MCL Auxiliary Unit #445



By Lucille Knowlden

First of all, we'd like to thank the American Legion Post #134 in Clearfield for greatly supporting us in our fund raiser "Moma Mia Spaghetti Dinner." Thanks to everyone for supporting us. We were able to raise over two hundred dollars from this activity.

We have several things we will be doing in the months ahead, among them, we will be in the Veterans Day Parade in Ogden, Saturday November 10th to honor all American Veterans. See you

What's new in Afghanistan and Iraq? New on-line magazine by veterans tells us.

Some of my California Marine Corps League members keep in touch with me and introduced me to a new on-line magazine by veterans of those two campaigns for other vets and the public at large to see. They feel the public are being short changed by the media as to what is really going on and want the rest of the news told. For those interested here's the link to their site: <http://www.vetsforfreedom.org>.

Parade (from page 1) After the parade there will be a rally at Linqest Field (where the parade will end) to honor each branch of the military a fly over by the Air Force, speeches by various dignataries. We had a good time, last year and it shouldn't be any different this year...now, if I could only get into my dress blues. Does anyone know how to healthily lose 100 lbs?

What is Operation Comanche Iron Horse?

As many of us know by now, Charlie Company, on of our Marine Corps Reserve Units here in Utah has deployed to Iraq and recently had their first encounter with the enemy. Department of Utah Commandant Joseph Surace has been in contact with 1stSgt Butler, C Co's First Sergeant, via email and asked him for a list of items that his Marines would like to receive while being deployed. Thus Operation Comanche Iron Horse was initiated and the department will be sending items from this list to help brighten their days.

The newly chartered Auxiliary Department will be spearheading this project and all of our detachments are being asked to lend their support. This will be an ongoing mission until Charlie Company returns. *Since many of our members are sometimes unable to take an active role in their detachments, a small donation is requested to help conduct this operation.*

Please make a check payable to: Department of Utah, MCLA and in the lower left corner of the check indicate OCIHM.

This is one way that we can have a personal involvement in supporting our Marines directly. The check should be mailed to the Department President, Dianne Warner-Kearney, 702 E. Harvest Hollow Court, Draper, Utah 84020-8623. This is another way of saying "I support the troops," and mean it by actions instead of words only.

How Operation Comanche Iron Horse will work

- A) The list of items may be expanded to additional nonperishable items that have been sent to troops in the past. Plus suggestions from the families that are in contact with their Marines.
- B) From this list, each Auxiliary Unit will be asked to concentrate on sending 2 or 3 items for a given period of time. This may change as we receive word from the 1stSgt., or their families and loved ones. We will be flexible during this Operation. This will be a learning experience for all involved, because Fox Company is expecting to be mobilized in the future.
- C) The Detachments without a supporting Auxiliary Unit may wish to form their own Committee, and ship boxes of needed items themselves – read on.
- D) If anyone has a source that would like to donate any non-perishable items, please be in touch with (Continued page 3)

Toys for Tots (from page 1)

Our community and you, the members of our detachment. Give me a call at (801) 525-0147 or be at our monthly detachment meeting at the Clearfield American Legion Post, 345 South Depot Street, on November 18th. I'm looking forward to seeing you or hearing from you.

Ben Setter, Toys for Tots Coordinator.

Comanche (from page 2)

Joe Surace, the Auxiliary Department President or our Auxiliary Unit

E) The Post Office will provide us (and mail to whomever calls) with free flat rate boxes (1-800-610-8734). There is a requirement for completing a Custom Declaration and Dispatch Note PS Form 2976-A which will come with this kit.

F) The address for Charlie Company is: Company 1st Sgt. Butler Charlie Co, 1st Bn, 10th Marines, 4th LAR, Unit 73322, FPO AE 09509-3322.

Short Rounds

This space will be reserved for short bits of information you might want to share with the rest of us. If you have something to share. Send me a note. We want to hear from you. Editor.

Note: Along with the information concerning Operation Comanche Iron Horse. If you would like to send encouraging message to Marines of Charlie Company. 1st Sgt Butler's email is: Todd.butler@cf.mnf-wiraq.usmc.mil. Lets support our deployed Marines from Utah.

For Conspicuous Gallantry

**Major Kenneth D. Bailey**

For extraordinary courage and heroic conduct above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Marine Raider Battalion, during the enemy Japanese attack on Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon

Islands, on September 12-13, 1942. Completely reorganized following the severe engagement of the night before, Major Bailey's company, within an hour after taking its assigned position as battalion reserve between the main line and the coveted airport, was threatened on the right flank by the penetration of the enemy into a gap in the main line. In addition to repulsing this threat, while steadily his own desperately held position, he used every weapon at his command to

cover the forced withdrawal of the main line before a hammering assault by superior forces. After rendering invaluable service to the Battalion Commander in stemming the retreat, reorganizing the troops and extending the reserve position to the left, Major Bailey, despite a severe head wound, repeatedly led his troops in fierce hand to hand combat for a period of ten hours. His great personal valor while exposed to constant and (continued page 4)

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New Detachment to Receive its Charter

All Marines and their families are invited to the Wasatch Detachment #1291 Charter Presentation on Saturday, 17, November at 1000 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 225 West University Parkway, Orem

“Cammie” Scarves

A special Christmas project, headed by the State of Pennsylvania has just recently been completed where many auxiliary ladies from all states crocheted and knitted special “Cammie” scarves. They have been mailed to Willow Grove, PA where they are being put into Christmas stockings for our troops in Iraq. We

Are proud to announce that the State of Utah donated 50 scarves. In addition to auxiliary members, friends from various groups, and a local senior center also contributed their time and talent.

Conspicuous Gallantry *(from page 3)*
Merciless enemy fire, and his indomitable fighting spirit inspired his troops to heights of heroic endeavor which enabled them to repulse the enemy and hold Henderson Field. He gallantly gave his life in service of his country.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States